

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 4/19/2006, with respect to claims 1 and 4 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection 102 (b) and 103(a) of claims 1-6 has been withdrawn.

***Reasons for allowance***

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Tomoyuki (JP11-073648), see Figs. 7, 8, discloses a reproduction method for reproducing BCA (Burst Cutting Area) data for optical discs, comprising the steps of: generating a BCA signal by detecting an RF (Radio Frequency) signal of the BCA (see Fig. 7 elements 16, 17); generating a BCA data bit stream by sampling the BCA signal according to a sampling clock (see Fig.11 elements 18, 19 and paragraph [0018]-[0019]); and decoding the BCA data bit stream to generate BCA data (see Figs. 7 (19) , 8 (19b) and [0022]-[0023]).

Tomoyuki discloses the amplifier 16 (Fig. 11 element16) which using the RF signal to generates the BCA signal.

The admitted prior art, Fig. 3 discloses the step of generating the defect signal is to compare a ripple amplitude signal of the RF signal of BCA to the ripple amplitude signal after being low-pass filtered (see Fig. 3 and [0006]).

Tomoyuki, see Figs. 7, 8 discloses the BCA detector 19 samples data based on channel bit clock and is generating the BCA detection channel bit.

Hou, see Fig. 3, 31 (Prior art), discloses the divider for receiving a reference clock and generating the sampling clock.

None of the references disclose or suggest the reproduction method for reproducing BCA data for optical disk generates a defect signal as a BCA signal and the reproducing apparatus for optical disc generated a defect signal as a BCA signal by a defect detector.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Cited References*

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

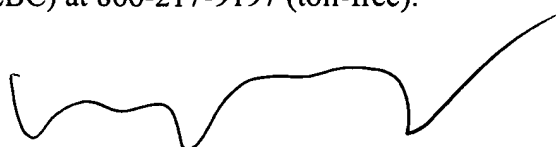
The cited references relate to a reproduce a BCA data (Tomoyuki JP 11-073648); a sampling clock generator for BCA data decoding (Hou et al. US 2004/0066723).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN T. PHAM whose telephone number is 571-272-7590. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-6:00pm.

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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